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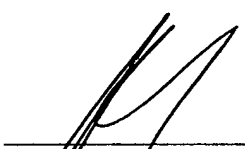
In re Application of:)
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AMENDMENT AS TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Sir:

Applicant elects prosecution on Species 1 as reflected in claims 1 - 16.



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